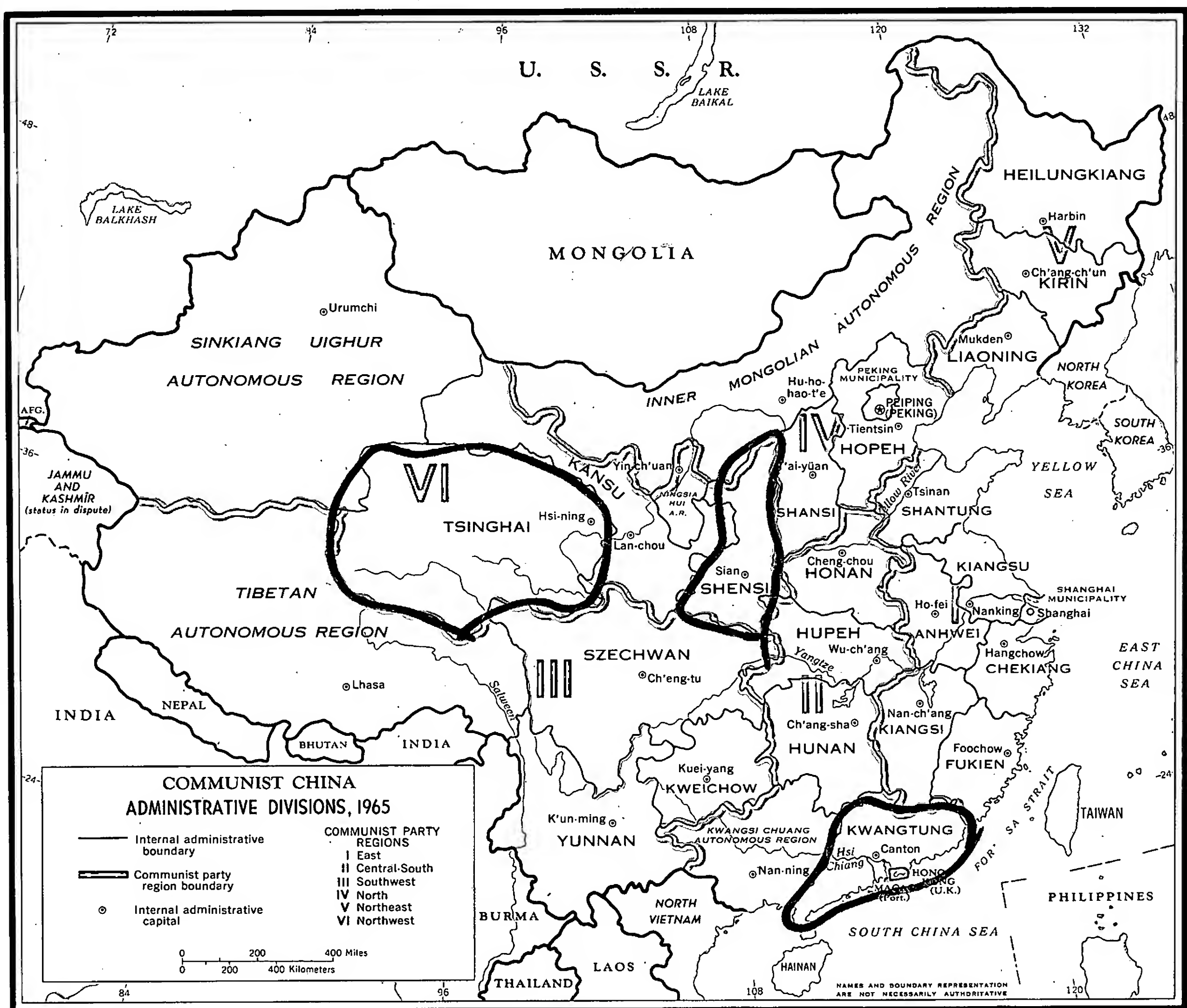


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1. Communist China

It now appears that the army is siding with anti-Mao forces in the Western province of Tsinghai (see map).

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[redacted] the army has been used against Maoist elements in Kwangtung Province. Farther north, Shensi Province gives the appearance of being in turmoil.

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On the economic front, Japanese interests, responsible for about one-third of the foreign ships calling at China, are beginning to complain about delays and confusion regarding Chinese export cargoes. We presume this reflects disruptions in the internal transport system.

2. Soviet Union

Within the next few days the Soviets will probably conduct a second test of their new spacecraft for manned missions. The first orbital test of this capsule took place in November--the two-day flight of Cosmos 133.

3. Dominican Republic

The Balaguer government expects disorders on Thursday; Communist student groups have scheduled a march on the national palace.

The march is to commemorate the shooting of three students by the national police during a demonstration a year ago. The chief problem is that the poorly disciplined police may overreact if faced with extremist provocations.

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4. South Vietnam

Continuing consultation between the government and the constituent assembly is preventing serious controversies on the draft constitution from boiling over. Now we have word that a compromise has been reached regarding the powers to be granted the legislative branch. Hopefully, this will calm military fears that the future executive could be hog-tied by an uncooperative legislature.

At the rate it has been working, the assembly could complete action on the constitution by this April.

5. West Germany

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